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1. IN CONTRAST TO IMMEDIATE REACTION BY FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND POLITICAL PARTIES (PARIS 17181), REACTION TO ORLOV TRIAL AMONG FRENCH SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY HAS BEEN SLOW TO EMERGE. NEVERTHELESS IT HAS NOW GAINED SOME MOMENTUM, AND COULD GROW. WE CITE BELOW IN ROUGH CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER THE INCIDENTS OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE IN WHICH FRENCH SCIENTISTS, OR SCIENTISTS BASED IN FRANCE, HAVE REACTED TO THE ORLOV TRIAL:
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(A) IMMEDIATELY AFTER ORLOV WAS SENTENCED, PROFESSOR ALFRED KASTLER (NOBEL PRIZE IN PHYSICS, 1966), WHO HEADS A FRENCH COMMITTEE FOR THE DEFENSE OF ORLOV, ANNOUNCED THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD CONTINUE ITS WORK ON BEHALF OF OTHER PERSECUTED SCIENTISTS "SINCE ORLOV IS NOT THE ONLY ONE IN THE USSR IN A DIFFICULT POSI-

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(B) ON MAY 27, DR. GEORGES CHARPAK, A WELL-KNOWN FRENCH PHYSICIST WORKING AT CERN IN GENEVA, ANNOUNCED THAT IN PROTEST AGAINST THE ORLOV TRIAL HE HAD TURNED DOWN AN INVITATION FROM THE MOSCOW INSTITUTE FOR NUCLEAR RESEARCH TO ATTEND AN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS IN DOUBNA, USSR, JUNE 6-10. THIS INCIDENT WAS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT BECAUSE THE DOUBNA CONGRESS IS EVIDENTLY DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO DR. CHARPAK'S FINDINGS RELATING TO NUCLEAR DETECTION TECHNIQUES.

(C) ON MAY 30 SEVEN FRENCH-BASED EXPATRIATE HUNGARIAN INTELLECTUALS ISSUED A "DECLARATION OF SOLIDARITY" WITH ORLOV.

(D) ON JUNE 3, DR. J. ILIOPOULOS, CHIEF OF RESEARCH AT THE THEORETICAL PHYSICS LABORATORY OF THE ECOLE NORMALE SUPERIEURE, TURNED DOWN AN INVITATION TO A CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY THE SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES.

(E) IN EARLY JUNE A PETITION BEGAN CIRCULATING AMONG SCIENTISTS AT PARIS UNIVERSITIES, WHICH WAS DIRECTED TOWARD "IDENTIFYING WAYS FOR MAKING THEIR INDIGNATION (OVER THE ORLOV TRIAL) CONCRETE." THE CONFIDENTIAL

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GREAT MAJORITY OF SCIENTISTS HERE WERE REPORTEDLY SIGNING THIS PETITION, WHICH HAD ABOUT 200 SIGNATURES AT THAT TIME.

(F) ALSO IN EARLY JUNE, ABOUT 100 SCIENTISTS IN MARSEILLES WERE REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING "SUSPENSION OF CONTACTS" WITH THE USSR.

(G) ON JUNE 1 PROFESSOR BERNARD DREYFUS, PRESIDENT OF THE FRENCH PHYSICS SOCIETY, MADE PUBLIC A LETTER HE HAD SENT ON MAY 25 TO A. ALEXANDROV, PRESIDENT OF THE SOVIET ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. THE LETTER PROTESTED AGAINST THE "CONDITIONS GENERALLY CONSIDERED CONTRARY TO THE RULES OF JUSTICE" WHICH HAD PREVAILED AT THE ORLOV TRIAL. IT ALSO INFORMED ALEXANDROV THAT THE FRENCH PHYSICS SOCIETY "CANNOT AVOID TAKING ACCOUNT (OF THE ORLOV TRIAL) IN ITS RELATIONS WITH OFFICIAL SOVIET ORGANIZATIONS," BUT DREYFUS SPECIFIED THAT THIS WOULD NOT EFFECT RELATIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL SOVIET SCIENTISTS.

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(H) IN EARLY JUNE IT WAS REPORTED THAT 500 SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS WORKING FOR CERN HAD SIGNED A LETTER ASKING THE DIRECTORS OF CERN TO OFFER ORLOV A RESEARCH POSITION, AND TO CALL ON MEMBER COUNTRIES OF CERN TO MAKE DEMARCHES TO THE SOVIETS TO SUPPORT THIS JOB OFFER, "USING ALL MEANS INCLUDING STOPPING COOPERATION" WITH THE USSR TO PRESSURE THE SOVIETS ON THIS MATTER.

(I) ON JUNE 1 THE FRENCH ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ESTABLISHED A COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF SCIENTISTS, HEADED BY DR. ANDRE GUINIER. THIS STEP WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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TAKEN DESPITE A LONG-STANDING DISPUTE OVER WHETHER THE ACADEMY SHOULD TAKE POLITICAL POSITIONS. THE COMMITTEE WILL STUDY EACH CASE OF PERSECUTION OF SCIENTISTS AND RECOMMEND ACTION, TO BE VOTED ON BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ACADEMY.

(J) ON JUNE 9 IT WAS REPORTED THAT A NUMBER OF FRENCH SCIENTISTS HAD DECIDED TO USE NEXT AUGUST'S MOSCOW CONGRESS ON CANCEROLOGY AS AN OCCASION TO PROTEST THE ORLOV CASE. THE WAY IN WHICH THIS PROTEST WILL BE MADE HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED, BUT THE MOST LIKELY COURSE APPEARS TO BE A BOYCOTT.

(K) ON JUNE 16 IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT, ON AN INITIATIVE OF THE FRENCH "COMMITTEE OF FRENCH PHYSICISTS FOR THE DEFENSE OF YURI ORLOV," TWENTY-FIVE FRENCH PHYSICISTS HAVE SIGNED A DECLARATION THAT THEY WILL BOYCOTT THE USSR. THE TEXT OF THIS DECLARATION BEGINS "I SUSPEND MY PERSONAL SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION WITH THE USSR, UNDER ANY OFFICIAL FORM, BECAUSE OF THE CONDEMNATION OF PROFESSOR YURI ORLOV FOR HIS OPINIONS. THIS IMPLIES THAT I REFUSE TO GO TO CONGRESSES IN THE USSR AND TO CONFERENCES ORGANIZED IN FRANCE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE FRANCO-SOVIET AGREEMENTS, TO RECEIVE IN THE LABORATORY WHERE I WORK VISITORS WHO ARE MORE OFFICIAL THAN SCIENTIFIC OR TO ACCEPT THAT AT A CONGRESS EMISSARIES ARBITRARILY REPLACE THE SOVIET SCIENTISTS INVITED BY THE ORGANIZERS." THE ORGANIZERS OF THIS INITIATIVE NOTED THAT THERE MAY BE MANY MORE ADHERENTS; THEY STATED THAT IN PARIS ALONE 584 SCIENTISTS HAVE PUBLICLY DECLARED THAT THEY WERE READY TO JOIN ANY ACTION OF SOLIDARITY WITH ORLOV.

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2. AN INTERESTING SIDELIGHT ON THE DEVELOPING REACTION OF FRENCH SCIENTISTS TO THE ORLOV TRIAL WAS THE CRITICISM BY TASS OF LE MONDE'S REPORTING ON IT. THE TASS ARTICLE, SIGNED EVGUENIEV ABOUT JUNE 8, DREW A SARCASTIC REPLY FROM LE MONDE, WHICH SAID THE TRIAL "WAS CHARACTERIZED AS PUBLIC ONLY BY THE USE OF AN ANTI-PHRASE." SINCE THE TASS ARTICLE LE MONDE, WHICH IS WIDELY READ IN FRENCH INTELLECTUAL CIRCLES, HAS ACTUALLY STEPPED UP ITS REPORTING ON THE REACTIONS OF FRENCH SCIENTISTS.

3. THE FRENCH ARE SCHEDULED TO VISIT MOSCOW DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 10, 1978, FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE FRENCH-USSR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION JOINT COMMITTEE.

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THE FRENCH SIDE WILL BE HEADED BY PIERRE AGRAIN, SECRETARY OF STATE FOR RESEARCH. AGRAIN RECENTLY ADVISED EMBOFF THAT WHILE HE WAS SCHEDULED TO GO TO MOSCOW HE WAS ALSO WELL AWARE THAT FOR NON-SCIENTIFIC REASONS HE WOULD NOT GO; HE EQUATED HIS SITUATION TO THAT OF THE US GROUP SCHEDULED TO VISIT MOSCOW DURING THE WEEK OF JULY 17.
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